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Parades continue through Tuesday

The Mardi Gras parade
action continues in Hancock
County and Pass Christian. On
Friday, Bay-Waveland Head
Start rolls at 9:30 a.m. at the
corner of Main St., continues to
Necaise Ave., to Bookter.

Also on Friday, the Bay
Catholic kids parade rolls at 1
p.m. The parade will begin on
Beach Boulevard, continue up
Court Street, past the review-
ing stand in front of City Hall
on Second Street where the
parade will disband.

More than 400 children will
march through the streets
joined by bands, several
parade marshals, community
and religious leaders, and
many Bay Catholic families.

On Saturday, the Krewe of
Kids roll down Dunbar Ave. in
Bay St. Louis beginning at 11
a.m.; and the Krewe of
Diamondhead parades begin-
ning at noon.

On Sunday, the St. Paul
Carnival Association Parade
thunders through Pass
Christian beginning at noon.

And on Tuesday, the Krewe
of Real People will culminate
the Mardi Gras celebration
with its parade through Bay
St. Louis at 1 p.m.

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TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sat. 9:14 a.	9:34 a.	
Sun. 10:02 a.	9:05 a.	
Sun. 10:53 p.	9:51 a.	
Mon. 11:38 p.	10:36 a.	
Tues. —	11:15 a.	
Wed. 12:19 a.	11:48 a.	
Thurs. 12:57 a.	12:07 p.	

THE PARTY'S STARTED ...



A record crowd showed up for Sunday's Krewe of Nerelds Mardi Gras parade at Waveland. Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said that despite the crowd, there were no major incidents. More pictures on page 1B.



Doyle: Not guilty!

Jury declares man
Hancock man shot
father in self-defense

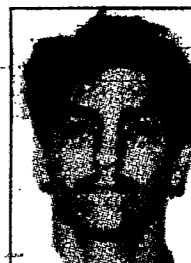
BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Bobby Joe Doyle, 22,
left the Hancock County
Courthouse a free man
late Wednesday after-
noon, after a jury took
about an hour to deliver
a not-guilty verdict on
the charges of murder or
manslaughter.

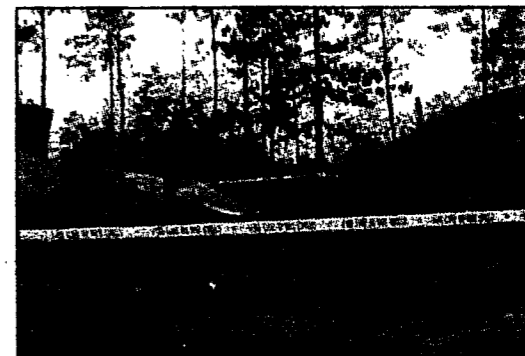
Doyle was arrested on
Oct. 8, 2000, after shoot-
ing his father, Rickey
Doyle, with a .22 mag-
num single action
revolver, during a fight
between the two at the mobile home they
shared between the Kiln and Dedeaux
communities.

Defense lawyer Donald Rafferty main-
tained that Bobby Doyle committed the

DOYLE--PAGE 5A



Bobby Joe
Doyle, 22, was
acquitted
Wednesday in
the Oct. 2000
shooting death
of his father,
Rickey Doyle.



The burnt-out remains of the Leetown home
of Joel Hibbens and his daughter Ashlee.

Leetown man, daughter die in Monday blaze

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Leetown man and his four-year-old
daughter perished early Monday when
fire raced through their trailer in the Deer
Park subdivision near Leetown.

County Fire Marshal Richard Pate said
the trailer on Karly Drive was fully
engulfed when volunteer firefighters
arrived on the scene after receiving a call

FIRE--PAGE 10A

Superbowl brought Giuliani, Mariah Carey to Hancock

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Stennis International
Airport had its fifteen
minutes of fame on
Superbowl Sunday
when air space around
New Orleans was closed
for 45 Nautical miles to
all but commercial traf-
fic for security reasons.

Hancock County Port
and Harbor officials

said Monday that they
hope the added aware-
ness of the airport and
its services will bring in
new customers.

The FAA began flight
restrictions in the New
Orleans area at 6 p.m.
on Friday. Those
restrictions continued
until midnight on
Monday. Airport
Manager Bill Cötter
said that more than 30



Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani at
Stennis International Airport Monday with airport
employees Cheryl Coogan and Sharon DeMetz

private jets or charter
services flew into the
airport between Friday
and Sunday. On

STENNIS--PAGE 10A

Hand-carved wooden circus, Barthé sculptures on exhibit at library for Black History Month

The Circus by Bay St. Louis native Ellsworth "Cotton" Collins and several locally-owned sculptures by Bay St. Louis native Richmond Barthé will be on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library in celebration of Black History Month.

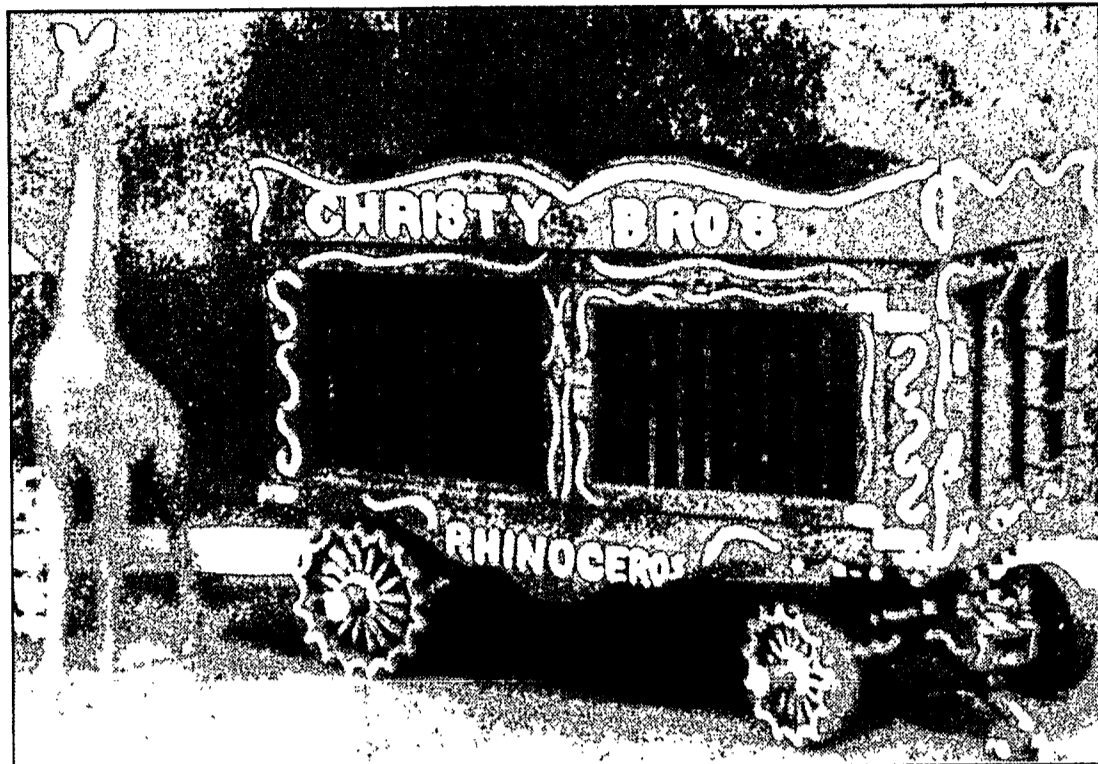
Ellsworth "Cotton" Collins hand carved more than 100 wooden pieces that formed a circus.

The pieces consists of circus rings, wild animals, clowns, railroad circus cars, and much more. Approximately 30 pieces of the set are on display in the display case of the library.

A "jack of all trades," artist, musician and carpenter, Collins' work is well known around the Bay St. Louis area. He began his model circus after reading a how-to article in Popular Mechanics magazine.

He and his artwork have been featured in newspaper articles and television interviews over the years. His hand-made model circus was on display in the Mississippi Pavilion at the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans.

"Cotton" was also awarded a Certificate of Merit from Mechanix Illustrated magazine for projects involving a bas-relief woodcarving of presidents



A GIRAFFE AND CIRCUS RAILROAD CAR are on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. These are part of the model hand-carved circus done by Bay St. Louis native Ellsworth "Cotton" Collins.

Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

His carpentry work can be seen in many homes in this area, and he operated a furniture repair shop in Bay St. Louis until his death.

His artistic ability is evident in his oil and watercolor paintings, his woodcarvings and the altar and ambo (podium) in the St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church sanctuary.

Locally owned, never before seen works of Richmond Barthé, Bay St. Louis native and internationally renowned black sculptor, are also on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The pieces are locally owned by friends and family of Barthé.

Handwritten postcards and letters by Barthé, along with numerous photos and

newspaper clippings, will also be on display.

These items have been in the library's collection for some time, and some are personal correspondence from Barthé to local residents.

Barthé was one of the most significant black sculptors associated with the Harlem Renaissance. He completed many works that expressed his concern

for the racial issues of the day, including The Tortured Negro and in monuments to Toussaint L'Oueverture and General Dessalines in Haiti.

During the 1940s, Barthé received many awards and sold pieces to prestigious museums, such as The Boxer, which was sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In 1945, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the first black sculptor to achieve this honor.

More information on the upcoming exhibit can be obtained by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-6836.

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Bay Council takes back 'one-way' plan for State St.

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis city officials apparently are ready to reverse another recent traffic design modification.

Last week, workers under contract to the city painted one-way directions on State Street, and erected signs to point traffic from Federal Street eastward to Beach Boulevard.

The change was one leg of a traffic "loop" plan that also created a one-way designation for nearby Court Street. It was designated as a one-way leg from Beach Boulevard to Second Street.

But State Street residents balked at the change, saying it's almost impossible to enter Beach Boulevard from their very narrow street. Council members agreed during a meeting Monday night, and recommended the reversal to the administration. Before the change, State had been one-way in the opposite direction.

Council earlier had the administration un-do another unpopular traffic flow change: 14 parking slots along Beach Boulevard's narrow commercial area had been effectively eliminated to make the traffic lanes standard 12-foot widths.

Things were put back as they had been, when merchants protested.

The traffic work at issue was only part of an overall downtown parking improvement plan written by Brown & Mitchell engineers two years ago. During the planning process, city officials said they'd like to get municipal crews to remove the sidewalks on the east side of the street, in the vicinity of The Dock of The Bay, and create more parking where the sidewalks had been.

District 2 council member James Thriffiley said Tuesday he'd like to see angle parking spaces installed there ultimately. Apparently, however, that's not in accord with Mississippi Department of Transportation guidelines.

District 1 council member Doug Seal contends the city puts itself in legal liability by taking such steps.

And he said he'd gotten calls from citizens who question the wisdom of undoing the unpopular stripping in from of the downtown shops.

"I had a lot of people who said it was safe, finally, why'd we put it back" the way it was, Seal said.

In another matter, Seal said he's been waiting seven months for the administration to come up with a written policy on employees taking city vehicles home after work.

As stands, police officers, department heads and top aides are authorized to take their vehicles home, said Municipal Clerk Bobby Parker.

Seal's upset, however, that at least one worker with that privilege lives some 35 miles from town. With a 70-mile daily round trip, he said, the city would be footing the bill for 60,000 miles in three years.

Parker said the matter has been under review and will be on the table for action in two weeks.

In other matters:

- Parker said Mayor Eddie Favre continues to recover from minor surgery and should be back in his office late this week or early next week. The recent surgery was unrelated to the mayor's coronary bypass operation several months ago, officials said.

- Council approved several building code changes, detailed by Building Official Bill Carrieger as relatively minor. Carrieger said he also has explained the changes to local contractors.

- Council acknowledged a letter from Hope Haven's director, Terry Latham, saying the shelter for abused and neglected children will not be seeking a city donation this year.

Latham said while the center had submitted a request for \$10,000 for 2002, "I am very pleased to inform you that our income this last year and projected income this year should allow us to operate without any additional funding from the City of Bay St. Louis. Therefore, I do not intend to request any funds from you this year."

Seal of Excellence



RECEIVES MSU ALUMNI HONOR - Gulf Coast banking executive Leo W. Seal Jr. is the College of Business and Industry Alumnus of the Year at Mississippi State University. A 1949 banking and finance graduate, the Bay St. Louis resident is chairman and chief executive officer of the Hancock Bank. The annual awards banquet is sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association to honor graduates who are recognized leaders in their field of endeavor. Seal, a major financial supporter of his alma mater, previously was honored with the university's national alumnus of the year award in 1983 and an honorary doctorate in 1999. Presenting his latest award at a recent campus banquet was college Dean Sara Freedman.

Gulfport resident faces coke charges

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Matt Karl, director of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department newly formed Narcotics Division, reports the arrest of a Gulfport resident on January 29, for the alleged possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

Karl said, "The Sheriff's Department received a call from NASA's Security at the Stennis Space Center about stopping a vehicle at the South Gate for reckless driving. Hancock Deputies Chris Qry, Pugh Phillip and Manor Ladner responded to the call."

"The deputies questioned the driver, Bobby Barraza, 18, Northrop Cuevas Road, Gulfport, who gave them wrong information. After receiving permission to search the vehicle, they discovered 52 grams of cocaine in 40 small bags," Karl said.

Barraza was charged with possession of a controlled substance, with intent to deliver. Bond was

set at \$15,000, and his vehicle is being held for possible seizure, said Karl, who was on call at the Narcotics Division and is handling the investigation.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It is hard to change one's route of travel after one has traveled a certain route for many years.

Case in point is the change of Court Street to one-way from the Beach to S. Second Street.

It looked like there were more vehicles going the wrong way than the right way Monday morning.

Hopefully motorists will get used to the one-way status of Court Street.

The Mardi Gras parades are beginning to come very fast leading up to Fat Tuesday, February 12.

On Friday, the annual Bay-Waveland Headstart parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Bay Catholic parade at 1 p.m.

The grand marshal for the Headstart parade is Katherine Wilson, the Bay-Waveland School District's early childhood coordinator.

It begins at the corner of Main Street and Nacaise Avenue and proceeds to Bookter. The youngsters have a great time.

This will mark the 22nd annual Mardi Gras parade by Bay Catholic which will begin on Beach Boulevard, continue up Court Street and pass the reviewing stand in front of the old Bay City Hall and then disband.

Reigning over this year's parade will be sixth graders King William Hadden and Queen Chelsea Noah. There should be some 400 students participating in the parade. This is the parade that passes right in front of The Echo's office on Court Street.

Saturday's parades include the annual Krewe of Kids parade in the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis.

The parade is led by long-time Captain Lisa Cowand and is an affair for the younger generation up to age 12.

This is one of the parades where there are no motorized vehicles allowed by participants. Mode of transportation includes wagons, skates, wheelbarrows, bicycles, baby carts, etc.

The parade begins on Dunbar at North Bay Elementary and wanders up Dunbar and returns to disband.

It is really a fun time for the youngsters, as it gives them the great feeling of being in a parade especially designed for them.

Cowand does a very good job in organizing the parade each year.

Saturday afternoon is highlighted by the Krewe of Diamondhead at noon.

This is always a good parade for families with folks of all ages as there is plenty of space for parade goers due to the wide width of Diamondhead Drive and Golf Club Drive.

The parade begins at the Diamondhead Administration Building and travels Diamondhead Drive passing the shopping center and then Golf Club Drive to the Country Club.

Sunday's big parade will be St. Paul's parade in Pass Christian which begins to roll at noon.

Mardi Gras Day's big parade in Bay St. Louis is the Krewe of Real People which is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Cut services and increase spending?

Like oil and water, the two just don't mix. The House of Representatives is passing a bill to cut Medicaid services. The Senate is working on a bill that will increase Medicaid spending. It just doesn't add up.

"Ain't no telling where I'd be." "I'd certainly be dead."

These aren't my words. These are the voices of some of our children, young Mississippians who are currently living at a psychiatric treatment facility in Jackson.



From the Governor

By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

At a meeting with some of these young men and women last week, I heard their stories and how they are being helped through services provided by Medicaid. These children live at a place that is at once their home, their school, and their source for treatment. If Medicaid services are cut, they lose all three. If Medicaid services are cut, the hope of a young generation of Mississippians is lost.

"If you need my help, you call on me."

Again, not my words. This is the voice of a Mississippi senior citizen, a resident at a nursing home. She depends on Medicaid to help cover the costs of her nursing home care, her prescription drugs, and other medical needs.

The optional services being considered for cuts by the Legislature will take away medical services from our children, disabled and senior citizens. The optional services include prescription drugs, adult dental and vision care, mental health

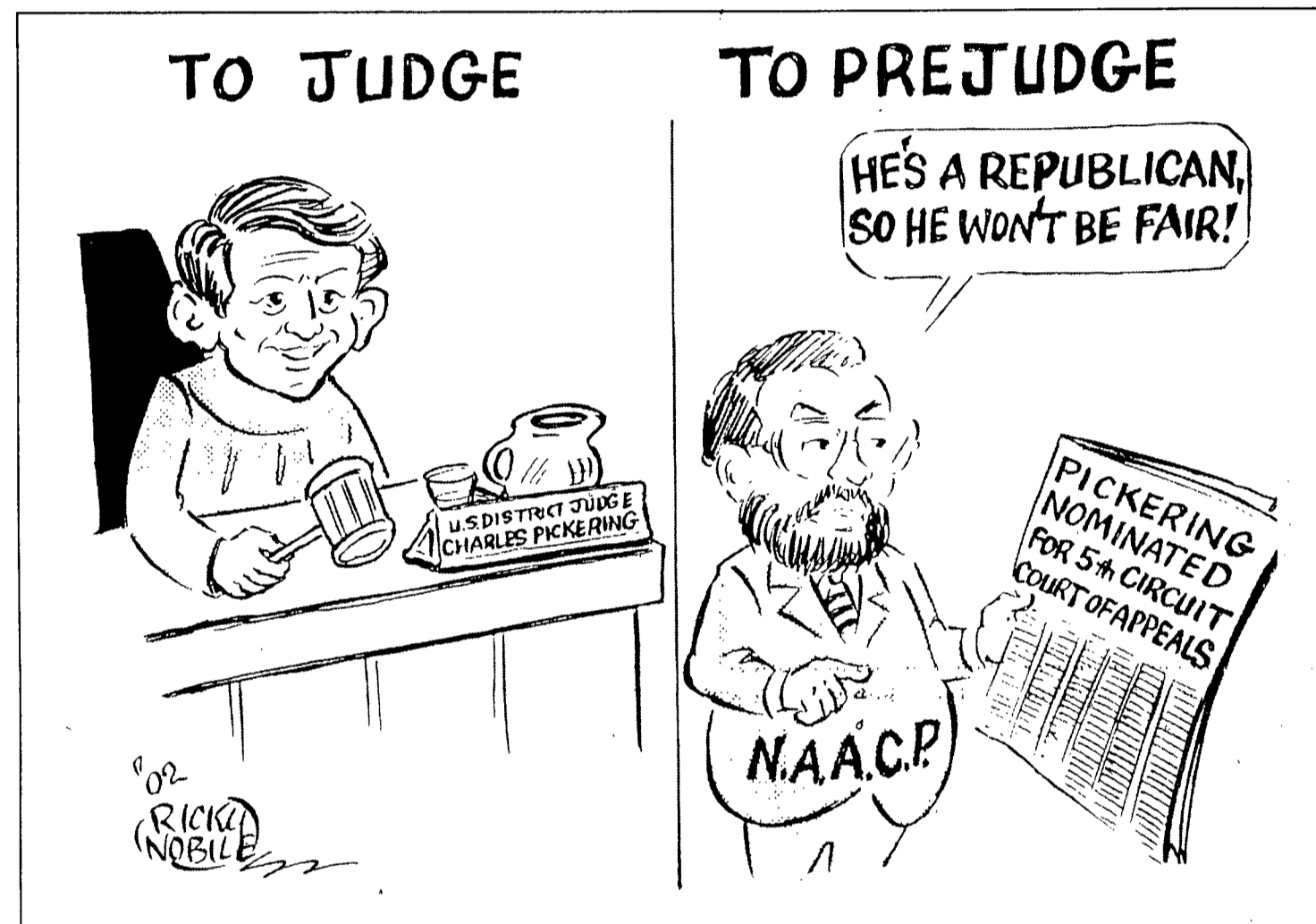
services, child psychiatric services, hospice services and waivers for home-based care.

Which one of these, when cut, would not be a denial of medical service?

House Bill 1200 stands to be one of the most oppressive pieces of legislation ever passed out of committee.

In addition to taking \$108 million from the principal of the tobacco trust fund, it also cuts prescription drugs, reduces payments to health care providers, and places a greater financial burden on

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Pollutants are out there . . . get yourself checked

Dear Editor:
As a Bay resident I am very concerned about our children in the Bay and surrounding areas.

After reading the article printed in the Echo on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001 entitled "DeLisle residents fear pollution is causing cancer and other ailments," this article stated that high levels of manganese have been found in the water supplies and it could be toxic to humans in levels above 0.05 ppm.

The article states that hair samples taken from the group show very high levels of manganese as well as other metals.

I decided to have my hair tested, so I called the King James Medical Lab, and the lab sent me an envelope with some simple instructions.

I had my hairdresser cut a small amount of my hair which I placed in an envelope and sent it to the lab for testing. The test costs about \$40.

I was not happy with the results. I found that I had six minerals in the high range, so I decided to have my daughter's hair tested as well. Her doctor sent her hair to the Great Smokies Diagnostic Laboratory.

When we received the results back from her hair, her levels were even higher than mine. Her manganese levels alone with some other minerals went to the top of the charts.

After looking manganese up on the computer, I found out what it does.

Manganese assists in the activity of many enzymes, including some involved in lipid, protein, and carbohydrate metabolism small protein, and carbohydrate metabolism small quantities are usually found in the body.

But, toxic levels of manganese can cause learning disorders, dementia, psychiatric disorders, similar to schizophrenia, and neurological changes resembling Parkinson's disease.

Iron and manganese affect the absorption of each other. Manganese is just one of the 12 listed by the paper.

I just wanted to make the information available to anyone who might want to get tested.

If you want to go through a doctor you could contact Dr. Kashi Rai MD (phone 504-454-8952) in Metairie. She is familiar with these tests.

If you would like to do the tests yourself, call the King James Medical Lab at 1-800-437-1404, or go online at www.tracemin.com and ask for the analyses.

The other lab is Great Smokies Diagnostic Lab, phone 1-800-522-4762. Ask for the body balancing mineral check or contact web site www.gsdi.com or www.bodybalancing.com.

If you would like to refer back to the article that listed all the toxic minerals, the Sea Coast Echo should have a copy.

Sincerely,
J. K. Ausmus
Bay St. Louis

Letters to the Editor

There's a simple solution to Bay parking problem

To the Editor:

I read with great interest the article in last Thursday's edition concerning the Beach Boulevard traffic striping controversy and the Ellis Cuevas columns recalling the mistake made after Hurricane Camille relative to rebuilding the beach (east) side sidewalk and roadway in the 100 and 200 blocks of North Beach Boulevard narrower than its original width.

Before the hurricane, approximately 3 or 4 feet was lost from the right-of-way in the rush to restore the street by errors by the engineers, surveyors or project managers.

The "bottleneck" traffic problem now existing could be corrected so easily by resurveying the street right-of-way and relocating the sidewalk to its original location and widening the traffic lanes.

No right-of-way would have to be condemned or paid for, and the beach side property owners would not be giving up any of their property, but merely yielding property not theirs anyway.

This project would cause some inconvenience to beach businesses but would not require any closings.

The benefit to Bay St. Louis and North Beach Boulevard would be fantastic compared to the present

situation.

There would be ample width for parking on both east and west sides of the street, and we could once again drive along the street without worrying about losing a side mirror or coat of paint from our autos.

Beach Boulevard is, I am pretty sure, qualified for state and probably federal funds for the necessary restoration of our public right-of-way if city funds are not available.

Larry Bennett, as mayor, and the city council in 1980, or thereafter, attempted to restore the original street and sidewalk, but their efforts were objected to by all of the east side of the street's property owners except yours truly.

I was the only properly owner signing the requested release for the work. At the time I owned the largest amount of footage, over 160 feet, consisting of three separate parcels plus being also concerned because my home was the second floor at the old Sea Coast Echo building (200) on the west side of the street, which I owned and had remodeled.

No existing building would have to be altered, and there would be no expense to property owners if the city decides to correct this very serious problem existing now.

Maurice Colly
Bay St. Louis

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those least able to shoulder it.

Health care providers are going to stop providing medical treatment, especially in rural areas.

A bill has been passed through the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee to increase the number of beds covered by Medicaid in a psychiatric residential treatment facility. This increases costs.

There's a mixed message here. Cuts are being called for while services are being expanded even more.

At the request of the Legislature, I provided a plan for dealing with the current Medicaid shortfall without cutting services or dipping into the tobacco trust fund.

I was pleased with the discussions that took place last week regarding my plan because, for the first time, a governor's proposal was being given serious scrutiny by the Legislature.

However, a different path has been chosen and I will not support the direction in which we are heading.

It's time for difficult decisions to be made, and we cannot shy away from making those decisions. We must work together to ensure the people of Mississippi - our seniors, our disabled, our children - are not left without access to the vital medical services they so desperately need.

There are Mississippians who are genuinely concerned about the medical services they currently receive through Medicaid. There are children who need help, who understand

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all too well what will happen if the funding for their treatment isn't there. There are senior citizens who realize that after a lifetime of working, their access to health care is threatened.

Their voices are speaking to us loud and clear. It's up to us to listen, and it's up to us to respond to them.

"Ain't no telling where I'd be" is not what we need to be hearing from our children, not when we can be helping them say "this is what I'm going to do."

Doyle

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act in self-defense after several physical confrontations initiated by his father.

Prosecutor Chris Schmidt maintained that because the two were not in an actual physical confrontation at the time of the shooting, that the act was one of deliberate malice, which would have brought a murder conviction; or an act of passion, which would have brought a manslaughter conviction.

Attendance at the two-day trial was sparse, with the courtroom being filled mainly with friends and family of the defendant, many who testified in his behalf. Judge Jerry O. Terry presided at the trial.

Witnesses painted a picture of Ricky Doyle as a violent man, who abused both alcohol and other substances, and fought with both of his sons on a regular basis.

A New Orleans pathologist, Dr. Paul McGarry, testified that a post-mortem report showed signs of methamphetamines, caffeine, nicotine, ethyl alcohol and diazepam, a tranquilizer, in Ricky Doyle's system.

On the stand, Bobby Doyle said that he had tried to end the confrontations by going in his room, but that his father had followed him in and hit him with a large piece of wood and the butt of a rifle.

Doyle said that he took the handgun off his bedroom shelf and headed out the door to walk to his mother's house, several miles away, but that his

father followed him out the door, threatening to beat him or kill him. He said that he fired a warning shot at the ground near his father, but the man kept shouting threats and coming forward. Doyle then fired another shot at his father's left shoulder, he said to stop him, but the bullet hit a bone, turned, and went through both lungs and severed his aorta, causing death.

Doyle then testified that he threw the gun into his father's truck and ran to the neighbor's to call 911 and back to his father to try to perform artificial respiration.

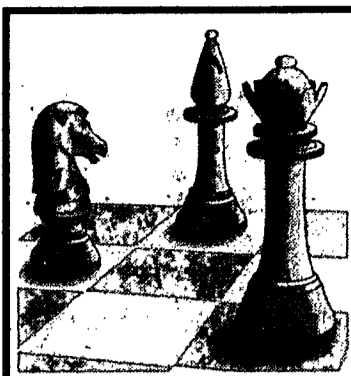
"I didn't mean to kill my dad, I loved him," said Doyle.

"We are extremely pleased with the verdict," said Rafferty after the trial Wednesday. "But it is kind of bittersweet because Bobby had to spend two-and-a-half to three weeks in jail waiting for the preliminary trial."

Doyle left the courthouse immediately following the verdict, with his attorney. Judge Terry instructed others in attendance to remain seated until he dismissed the trial.

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Supervisors scrap beach lighting plan

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

After a couple of months of wrangling, Hancock County supervisors have abandoned a controversial plan to brighten the lights along Beach Boulevard.

At their monthly meeting Monday, supervisors voted unanimously that they won't increase the number of lights now up or raise the intensity of the lighting along Beach Boulevard stretching from near Coleman Avenue in Waveland to Washington Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner recommended keeping up the five 250-watt, high-pressure sodium lights that have already been installed in the vicinity of the Garfield-Ladner Pier, but not to add any more. Ladner said future requests for additional lighting would be handled "on an individual basis."

Supervisors made the decision after receiving results of a poll conducted by the recently-formed Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association, although they insisted opinions of others who do not own beachfront property were also considered.

Ladner said he heard from both sides in the dispute, which has been going on since last August when Mississippi Power Company crews began installing the brighter lighting on instruc-

tions of the board. He said he heard from some property owners on the beach and off the beach who favored the brighter lights and others who felt the lights ruined the tranquil atmosphere of the neighborhood.

Jean McCall, treasurer of the Beachfront Association, told supervisors her group polled 46 of its members.

"Our official position is we oppose the new lights. They destroy the natural beauty of the beach, and the board has shown no compelling reason for them," said McCall.

She said 42 members polled were against the higher-intensity lights and four favored them.

"Those that are against it say that the bright lights ruin the ambience of the beach. They bought their homes for what we have now: no bright lights," she said.

Supervisors undertook the lighting project because they felt the brighter lights would make the two-lane beach roadway safer for driving or walking at night, along the newly constructed bike-pedestrian pathway.

But, opponents contended the brighter lights took away from their enjoyment of walking at night along the beach. They also feared the brighter lights would invite speeding on the roadway, which now has a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit posted.

Supers reset trailer ban hearing

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

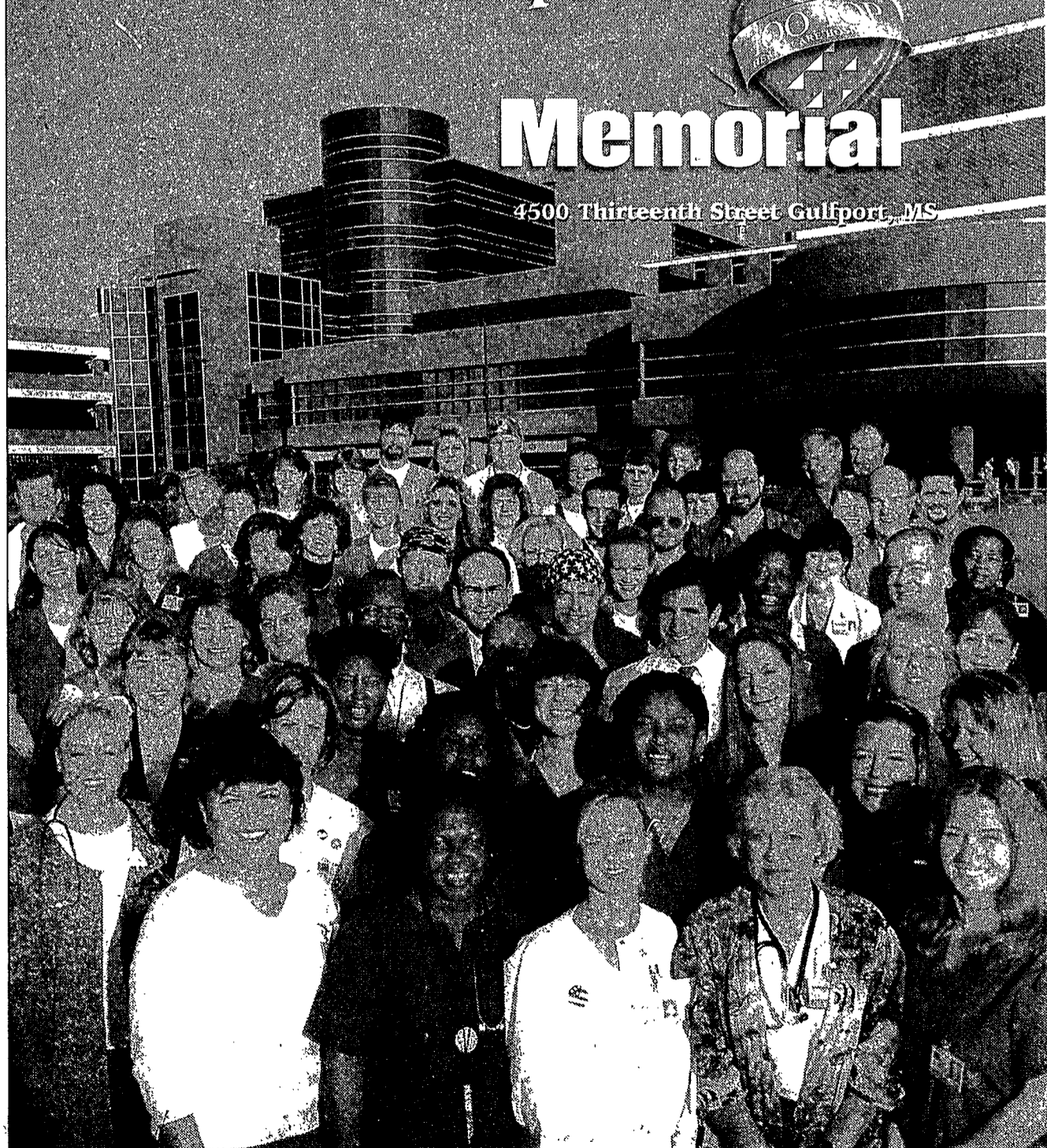
The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has rescheduled a public hearing on a proposal to ban trailers in certain areas of the county.

Originally, the hearing was set for 3 p.m. March 4 in the boardroom at the downtown County Courthouse, but at least two supervisors will be in Washington, D.C. part of that week attending the National Association of County and City Officials annual meeting.

The public hearing is now set for 3 p.m. March 20.

The Mississippi Mobile Home Manufacturer's Association is appealing a decision by the county's Planning and Zoning Commission approving the trailer ban.

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Memorial Heart Team receives recognition

In a study released by Solucient, the leading source of health care intelligence and benchmark information, Memorial Hospital was named to the "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success."

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"We believe we provide excellent patient care and being recognized by this study reinforces our belief," said Jim Kaigler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hospital.

To learn the details, log onto <http://www.100TopHospitals.com>. Look for "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success" hospitals and a summary of the report.

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Heartfelt Gift Ideas For Your Valentine

Perhaps you're looking for a Valentine's Day gift that comes directly from the heart — they're simpler than you might imagine. Here are some inspired ideas for your sweetie!

FOR HIM

- Appeal to his manly appetite and whip up a culinary masterpiece featuring all of his favorite foods. Or, if you'd rather stay out of the kitchen, make reservations at a cozy, informal restaurant where he can just relax and be himself.
- Indulge him in a night

of his favorite activity. If that may be watching sports, fishing or even that action flick he's seen a dozen times, snuggle up with your man and cheer along.

- Give him one day off from his share of the chores so he can just lounge around in sweatpants and his lucky college T-shirt.

- Send him flowers at work for an interesting change.

- Ask your parents to watch the kids so you can spend some quality time

together.

- Invite his buddies over for sports night or game night.

FOR HER

- Rent her favorite weepy love story from the local video store and watch it with her. Cuddle her at the most sappy moments and make sure tissues are not too far away.

- Turn the bedroom into a lovers' retreat, complete with scented candles, rose petals on the sheets, soft music and the like. Wear silk pajamas rather than

your favorite gym shorts to bed.

- Give her one day off from her share of the chores so she can just lounge around in sweatpants and her lucky college T-shirt.

- Treat her to a special show, whether it is a local theater production, ballet, or just a pageant the kids put together with your help for the occasion.

- Reenact your first date or arrange to renew your wedding vows.

- Organize a special family portrait she'll just love.

Valentine Silver Tea



The Saint Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian, will host its annual Valentine Silver Tea this Friday, Feb. 8, from 3-5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Thompson, 811 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian. Anyone who is interested is invited to the tea, although invitations have been sent to many Coast residents. Donations received will be used for scholarships to local graduating high school students. Pictured are Mrs. Jack Thompson, left, and Mrs. D.H. Short, chairwoman of the Silver Tea.

Infuse ice cream cake with a little bit of romance this year

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you're looking for a Valentine's Day dessert, think red.

Red Raspberry Ice Cream Cake With Raspberry Amaretto Sauce

(Preparation 45 minutes to 1 hour; freezing time 6 hours or up to 1 week in advance; thawing time before serving, 30 to 45 minutes)

For the cake:
6 cups red raspberries, frozen
1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream

About 2 dozen Italian-style ladyfingers (available at most large grocery stores)
1/4 cup Amaretto liqueur (optional)
2/3 cup sugar

For the sauce:
4 cups frozen red raspberries

2 tablespoons Amaretto (substitute 1/2 teaspoon almond extract if you prefer a nonalcoholic sauce)

3/4 cup of sugar

For garnish:

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 teaspoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Thaw 6 cups frozen raspberries. Remove ice cream from freezer and soften.

Puree raspberries in a food processor with the sugar. Press through a fine sieve into a large bowl. Add softened ice cream to raspberry puree, and combine well. Pour ice cream mixture into prepared pan with ladyfingers.

Ask your kids to 'Be Mine' this Valentine's Day

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

Associated Press Writer (AP) — Valentine's Day isn't just for lovers; it's for those you love.

Children are usually high on that list.

"Valentine's Day has romantic roots but it has become a day for everyone," observes Miriam Arond, editor in chief of Child magazine. "Parents love an excuse to show their kids how much they love them."

Most children never outgrow Valentines from their parents, expecting them even as adults, Arond notes.

But showering children with love doesn't mean showering children with presents.

Instead of teaching kids that Feb. 14 is just another day to submit a gift list, Arond suggests making an effort to make the day special, maybe give "a gift from the heart."

Maybe heart-shaped waffles will be waiting on the breakfast table or a special card that recounts all the things that make your child special, suggests Arond.

Craft projects can be an entree for parents to teach first lessons on love.

Preteens and even teenagers who might shy away from giving and getting parental affection can be coaxed into making paper-petal flowers or cards.

It's not always so uncool for kids to show parents they love them, especially on a day when everyone is

expected to do so, Arond says. Using funky computer graphics or humor to jazz up a card instead of being forced to send a sappy one also helps teen-agers express themselves without sacrificing their hip image, she notes.

A more sentimental route is cards made from family photographs (or color copies of family photographs) that are cut with scalloped-edge scissors to make interesting borders, suggests Kieran Juska, home and crafts editor for Rosie magazine.

"Homemade cards are the most fantastic thing for parents to get from their kids. They always hang them with pride in their office," she says.

And younger children who aren't ready to handle all the craft equipment on their own can work with parents to make Valentines for all their classmates. The emphasis is on the "all."

Parents also need to remind their children that if Valentines are being handed out at school, everyone

needs to get one, according to Arond.

Many schools or teachers set a policy about Valentine's Day cards but if they don't, it's time to set an example.

"It's a day about love, not about exclusion," says Arond.

She adds: "It can be very touchy."

Class-wide cards usually stop in the fourth or fifth grade but while that might solve one problem, it might lead to another — especially for the preteen girl who didn't get the attention she wanted from a certain someone.

The best way for a parent to deal with a disappointed daughter or son is to create a safe, secure and loving home, says Arond. "Make it clear there's no rejection here," she says.

But, she adds, don't ignore Valentine's Day just to take the sting out. The experience, no matter how upsetting it is, can be helpful in the long run.

"Your child will feel some sort of rejection or unpopularity at some point so make this a life lesson. Say 'We love you and you'll live through it' and then recall your own war stories," Arond advises.

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Supervisors give raises to full-time employees; short on Homestead \$

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors have decided to dole out 50-cents-an-hour raises to about 170 full-time employees.

County Administrator and Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar recommended the pay hike Monday near the end of what was nearly an eight-hour meeting of the board.

"Based on what we have available to us, I would recommend 50-cents an hour," Kellar said. He said the pay hike would go into effect with the coming paychecks, and would continue for the next eight months remaining in the current fiscal year. Kellar said no part-time county employees would be given a raise, and those employees in the sheriff's department and elsewhere who have been given step upgrades while the board was deciding whether to provide any kind of raise this year would not be included in the across-the-board raise given other full-time employees.

He said no one hired after Oct. 1 was included in the pay hike.

Kellar said the entire pay-raise package would cost the county \$96,741 to

implement. Board President Rocky Pullman said a number of factors limited the amount of the raise the Board could give employees.

"We went into it (the debate) knowing it was going to be tight," said Pullman.

He explained the county lost an estimated \$500,000 in property tax revenue compared to last year due to the raise in the homestead exemption from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

In fact, at the start of Monday's meeting, Tax Assessor/collector Jimmie Ladner reported he had been notified by the state tax commission that the homestead rebate check due to be sent to the county in March would be about \$40,000 short of what is actually due.

The board voted to send a resolution to the tax commission protesting the shortage.

Pullman said since Sept. 11, the county's liability to cover county buildings and the sheriff's department's operations has increased substantially, affecting the balance in the county's general fund that is available to provide raises for employees. Worker's comp claims have also increased and

impacted county government, he said.

County Comptroller Patty Hammons said the worker's comp insurance premium has doubled this year, to \$294,000 compared to last fiscal year.

"And, our liability premiums have increased 34 percent over last year," Hammons said.

There were some exceptions to the 50-cents-per-hour, across-the-board, pay hike, Pullman later said.

He mentioned some people hired on in the road department and elsewhere entered at \$5.25 an hour, and the county is making an effort to upgrade starting salaries in all departments to an average of \$7 an hour.

Senior Clerk Geraldine Cooksey at McLeod Park was singled out for a \$1-an-hour raise, along with Larry Deschamp, senior maintenance worker with the Recreation Department.

John Genin, who prosecutes cases in the Youth Court, in addition to cases in county courts, was given a \$5,000 raise, from \$17,680 to \$22,680 based on the fact his case load has increased substantially in youth court, Kellar said.

Hammons said Genin also prosecutes in Justice

Court, and state statute sets his salary at \$21,230 while acting in that capacity.

No elected county official was included in the pay raise, except Kellar. The board has appointed Kellar as county administrator and he will be paid the 50-cents-an-hour more when acting in that official capacity.

Hammons said Kellar makes about \$15,000-a-year as county administrator, in addition to his salary of \$83,100 for serving as chancery court clerk.

In a meeting of the board Jan. 22, Kellar said supervisors also voted a \$3,000-a-year raise for Suzette Necaise, the county's purchasing agent.

"When we were making up the budget last July for the coming fiscal year, we surveyed the salaries of purchasing agents for counties our size, and her salary was way out of line with the average," said Kellar.

He said the increase for Necaise, from \$24,000-a-year to \$27,000-a-year would put her on an even keel with chief deputy clerks in the Chancery and Circuit courts, with the chief secretary to the board of supervisors and with the county

fire marshal.

Kellar said, as purchasing clerk, Necaise must be certified yearly by the state, and she has a total of 15 years service to Hancock County.

In the same meeting Jan. 22, supervisors changed the scope of contractual work Jenell Tompkins will be doing for the county, Kellar said. Tompkins was appointed county coordinator for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). She also will continue to do some work for the board of supervisors at an hourly rate of \$11.75.

Kellar said Tompkins was originally hired as acting comptroller in 1998 at a rate of \$20-an-hour because Hammons was on maternity leave. She stayed to help again when Hammons was expecting for the second time, and later took on additional duties for the board at the rate of \$20.50-an-hour, Kellar said.

Kellar said because \$3.3 million in CIAP funds is coming into Hancock County, the board needed to hire a coordinator immediately. Tompkins has been intimately involved in putting together the list of

improvements Hancock County will be undertaking using the CIAP funds, and has worked with Harrison and Jackson County officials to prioritize other projects in the three coastal counties that will be financed with an additional \$21 million in CIAP funds, which will be doled out by the state Department of Environmental Quality based on a competitive-needs formula, Kellar said.

As coordinator, Tompkins will be required to provide oversight to 18 projects in Hancock County to insure that the applicant adheres to federal and state guidelines for spending, reporting and implementing the projects.

While working as coordinator, Tompkins will be paid \$16.75 out of CIAP funds, Kellar said. "It's actually saving us money by having CIAP pick up most of her salary," he added.

Kellar also pointed out Tompkins was a contractual employee. She is considered self-employed for tax purposes and there is no matching of county funds towards her salary, since she receives no benefits from the county.

Board backs off proposed campground tax

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A vocal group of campsite owners convinced a majority of Hancock County supervisors Monday to temporarily back off imposing a \$1 nightly charge on campsites and RV parks.

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau had already gotten the board's blessing on the tax, and the board sent a resolution to the county's legislative delegation asking it to introduce the enabling legislation in the current legislative session.

However, after concerns by a newly-formed group called the Campground Owners Association of Hancock County, board President Rocky Pullman obtained a 4-1 vote to rescind the resolution, and ask the legislative delegation to back off the proposal for this session.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand cast the lone dissenting vote and said the board should never rescind any resolutions it sends to legislative leaders.

Jim Maness, president of the Campground Owners Association, led the charge against the tax, and the board's meeting room was jammed with others who opposed the measure. Tourism Bureau officials were also present to listen to the comments, and defend the tax.

In a prepared statement delivered to the media in advance of Monday's meeting, Maness called the tax "insidious," and said it would drive campers to other areas that do not oppose any kind of tax. He also said imposition of the \$1 surcharge would "be a book-keeping nightmare" for campground owners.

Maness also called for abolition of the Tourism Bureau or an investigation of its operations. "Their budget seems to indicate half of their income goes to salary and various benefits, with their director making \$75,000 in salary and benefits," he said. Maness claimed the director's secretary made \$30,000 yearly, plus benefits.

"How many secretaries in Hancock County make \$30,000-a-year," he asked supervisors.

After the statement from Maness, Pullman opened up the floodgates for public comment, and there was plenty.

Paul Brown told supervisors he owns Poor John's Campgrounds on the Lakeshore and lives in one of the 18 campsites. He said 90 percent of people living

on his campsites are on Social Security or on a fixed income, and paying an additional \$30-a-month would be a hardship on them.

Margaret Granger said she owns Shady Acres Campgrounds, with 15 sites, and all of her tenants are full-time residents. She said she doesn't have any overnight campers.

Bobby Glover said he recently opened up Oakleaf RV park on the Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road "and finally got it up and running," (although he had to go to circuit court to overturn a decision of the board and planning commission which voted against his park).

He said, if the \$1 tax were imposed, "I'd probably have to sell."

District 3 Lisa Cowand asked Tourism Bureau Director Beth Carriere for clarification on who would pay the \$1 surcharge.

"It would not affect permanent residents," said Carriere. "This is a transient tax. It would be paid by overnight campers, those that stay a week or so, and less than 30 days."

She defended charges campground and RV park owners were not notified in advance before she proposed the tax.

Carriere said she looked in the yellow and white pages of the local phone book and couldn't find listings for at least half of those belonging to the newly-formed association.

Cowand asked Maness for a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of the 11 owners making up the Association.

Keith Ladner, co-owner of Terry's Seafood at Bayou Caddy, said he opposed the tax, and it could affect a marina and plans for an RV Park the Ladner family has for developing their land.

Stu Raburn, manager of Buccaneer State Park, also said he opposed the tax unless some part of the revenue would be returned for improvements and operations at the popular park.

Gerald Scafide said he owns the KOA Campgrounds on Hwy. 90, and he spends up to \$12,000 a year advertising in various publications.

A tourist to the area also opposed the tax.

James Blaszczyk said this was the fourth year he and his wife returned to Hancock County, and if they had to pay \$1 more a night they would find an alternative site to camp.

Jim Henrie, a well-known realtor in the area, suggested the feuding groups should meet and

come up with a compromise plan for dividing the estimated \$136,000-plus in new revenue the tax is expected to generate.

He praised the work the Tourism Bureau has done with the funds it currently has available, mainly from a two percent lodging tax imposed on hotel and motel rooms in Hancock County.

Eleanor "Petie" Hyman, current president of the Bureau's Board of Directors and active in the association since 1996, also praised Carriere's leadership of the Bureau, and the work she has done over the years.

District 4 Supervisor

Steve Seymour asked Carriere to explain to the audience how the decision was made to propose a \$1 nightly surcharge on campers.

She said the \$1 surcharge "was never aimed at permanent or temporary residents." She also explained the tax would be paid by campers, and not the park owners.

Carriere said plans were to use the additional revenue to advertise the campgrounds in national and regional publications, for signage on the interstate and state highways and for promotional brochures.



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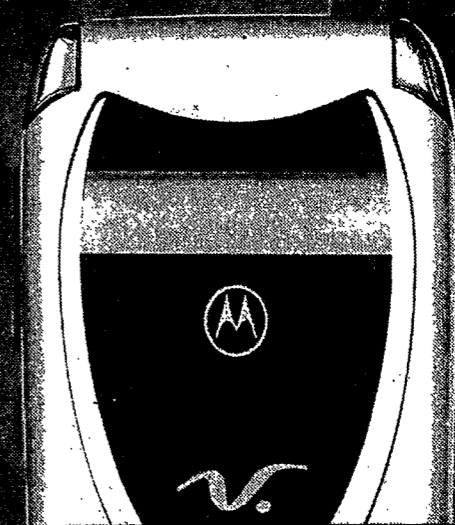
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IRIS BRUFFEY
 Iris Spikes Bruffey, 76, of Gulfport, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Bruffey was born in Gulfport and was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson A. Bruffey; her parents, Mallett and Lillian Spikes; a brother, Mallett "Buddy" Spikes, Jr.; and two sisters, Mary Favre and Dorothy Lee.

Survivors include five nephews, Gerald "Jim" Favre and Larry Lee, both of Gulfport, Irvin Favre, Alvin Favre and Charlie Lee, all of Pass Christian; and two nieces, Karen Favre of Pass Christian and Janet Peterson of Long Beach.

Services were conducted Tuesday, in the chapel of Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial followed in National Cemetery.

WILLIAM BUTCHER
 William Rogers Butcher, 91, of Flatwoods, Ky., died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, in Flatwoods.

Mr. Butcher was born Oct. 17, 1910 in Long Beach. He was an employee with Keesler Air Force Base as an electronic engineer and an instructor until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy A. Butcher; and a daughter, Sandra M. Bookout.

Survivors include three sons, William Blake Butcher of Coatesville, Pa., Michael Rogers Butcher of Waveland and Duane Allen Butcher of Ocean Springs; two daughters, Deborah Ann Kouns of Ironton, Ohio, and Sharon Joy Blum of Greenup, Ky.; a sister, Elsa Ann Butcher of Las Cruces, N.M.; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service was conducted Feb. 3 in Kentucky.

RYL DAHL

Ryl Dahl, 67, of Waveland, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Dahl was a member of the American Legion Post 139 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Marie Isaackson Martin; and brothers Robert Martin and Jack Martin.

Survivors include her husband, John Dahl of Waveland; sons Edward Riggs of Boston, Mass., Ronald Riggs of Newberry, Calif., Richard Dahl and John Dahl, both of Silverton, Ore.; daughters Laura Riggs of Barstol, Calif. and April Dahl of Costa Maca, Calif.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis were friends may call after 7 p.m.

Burial will be private. The family prefers memorials to one's favorite charity.

CLARENCE DOSSETT
 Clarence Max Dossett, 93, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Dossett was a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and was a former owner of numerous businesses in Hattiesburg, Pascagoula and along the Coast. He was a former member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and of the Pass Christian Yacht Club. He was a Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Faye B. Bossett of Pass Christian; daughters Sue Dossett Smith of Gulfport and Karen Stratton of Alabama; grandsons Roy Max "Skip" Smith and Gregory Dossett Smith, both of Biloxi; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in First Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis and burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

L. FLETCHER JR.
 Luther Lawrence Fletcher Jr., 85, of Kiln,

died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ASHLEE HIBBENS
 Ashlee Cassandra Hibbens, 4, of Picayune, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, in Picayune.

Funeral services are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JOEL HIBBENS
 Joel Hibbens, 28, of Picayune, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, in Picayune.

Funeral services are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

MELISHA LADNER
 Melisha M. Ladner, 87, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ladner was a native of Fenton and was a lifelong resident of the Coast. She was a member of St. William Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ferdinand J. Ladner; her parents, Dazie and Annie Moran; five sisters, Ellen Peterson, Ada Ladner, Bertha Garriga, Elizabeth (Doll) Ladner and Virderine Bang; and three brothers, Elmer Moran, Dantzler Moran and Joseph Moran.

Survivors include a son, Morris Ladner Jr. of Kiln; a sister, Lottie Mae Moran of Kiln; three foster daughters, Pamela Church of Waveland, Lou Ann Cox of Brandon and Robin Shaw of Poplarville; a foster son, Walter Swan of Gulfport; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three foster grandchildren, and two foster great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian.

Services were conducted Tuesday at St. William Catholic Church followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

LOIS PAVOLINI
 Lois J. Pavolini, 51, of Long Beach, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Pavolini was a native and lifelong resident of the Coast. She was a member of First Baptist Church of DeLisle and was

an employee of the Harrison County School System as a school bus driver.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charlie Davis; and a sister, Ann Davis.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Pavolini of Long Beach; her parents, W. W. and Ruth Davis of Long Beach; a son, Robert Pavolini Jr. of Pass Christian; a daughter, Kim Thompson of Gulfport; three brothers, Benny Davis of Bay St. Louis, Willie Davis of Pass Christian and Ronnie Davis of Long Beach; three sisters, Nora Clark of Gulfport, Joyce Saelens of Long Beach and Ella Moran of Pass Christian; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home chapel in Long Beach. Services were conducted Wednesday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

DELPHINE TACONI
 Delphine Marion "Sweetie" Taconi, 82, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Taconi was a native of New Orleans and a lifetime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Filmore Taconi; her parents, Alcine and Edna Boudreaux Saucier; a sister, Margie Karl; and a son-in-law, Kenny Stieffel.

Survivors include daughters Judy Bourgeois and husband Pat of Bay St. Louis and Jerry Stieffel of Harahan; sisters Shirley Turcotte of Bay St. Louis and Norma Ladner of Waveland; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Feb. 7, 7-10 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel followed by interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

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Black History program

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Joseph Pearson of Waveland and displays by Lillian Rogers of Pearlinton. Entertaining will be the Mississippi Gulf Coast Job Corps of Gulfport and Charles Baker with the Department of the Navy, Stennis Space Center.

Kiln baseball/softball registration

Registration for the Kiln Athletic Association baseball and softball teams, ages 4-up, will be this Saturday, Feb. 9, 2-6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m. Registration will be at the Kiln ballfield off Hwy. 43.

NOTICE

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Southern Mississippi, Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) announces it will accept applications from qualified IRS 501 (c)(3) organizations seeking to serve as the Principal Combined Fund Organization for the Fall 2002 campaign. Deadline for application is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2002, at the office of the campaign chairperson. Address applications to:

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Krewe of Kids royalty selected

Capt. Lisa Cowand has announced the royalty for Saturday's Krewe of Kids parade.

Applicants were asked to submit a brief biography and a color photograph of each nominee, and Cowand made the selection random-

ly drawing from the nominations received.

Cowand said this year's King will be Cayce Seal, son of Bay City Councilman Doug Seal and Michelle Seal. The Queen will be 12-year-old Mary Katherine (Katie) Morris, the daughter of David and Mary Turcotte.

Seal is in the third grade at Bay Catholic Elementary, and is active in Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, as well as the Bay Area Youth Soccer League.

"He enjoys playing with his friends and riding his go-cart," according to his mother.

"He is a very special boy and would make a very handsome and regal king," his mother wrote Cowand.

Morris is an Alpha Honor Roll student in the seventh grade at Bay-Waveland Middle School. She is a member of the Arabesque School of Dance Senior Competition Dance Team, and has been attending dance school for eight years. She has also been involved in girls' softball and cheerleading with the Bay St. Louis City League.

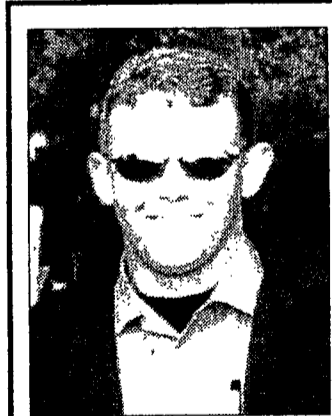
In addition to her dancing, Morris participates in many activities and functions, including prior Student Council member,

school clubs, charity functions and the Krewe of Nereids ball.

"She is a friendly, outgoing and thoughtful child," her parents wrote.

The parade begins Saturday at 11 a.m. at North Bay Elementary and makes it way up and down Dunbar Avenue.

Cowand also said she wanted to remind participants no motorized vehicles are allowed in the parade.



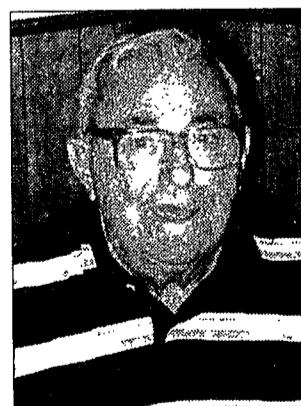
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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Bay St. Louis downtown area street markings have been re-painted this week. Many parking spaces have been added and some modifications have been made to the traffic flow. Effective February 4, the following changes will take effect: **Court Street will become one way.** Traffic may travel on Court St. only from Beach Boulevard toward Second St. Traffic may still enter Court St. at Gex St., but may proceed only westward toward Second St. **One way traffic on State St. will reverse.** Traffic flow will be changed to proceed eastward from Second St. toward Beach Blvd. Traffic may no longer enter from Beach Blvd. Traffic entering State St. from Federal St. may go only eastward toward Beach Blvd. Again, the effective date of these changes is **February 4, 2002.**

City of Bay St. Louis
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 Director of Public Works

BUSINESS NEWS

Rath named Hancock CCO

Hancock Holding Company Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel announced today that the 103-year-old company has named veteran Hancock banker Alfred G. Rath as Chief Credit Officer.

A Stone County native and Long Beach resident, Rath will serve as the senior Hancock executive directly responsible for all facets of credit operations and ensuring the integrity of company's credit portfolio.

"We are very pleased Alfred Rath has accepted this appointment as Chief Credit Officer. We expect his 30-plus years of expertise will benefit our entire Hancock organization," said Schloegel.

Since joining Hancock Bank in 1969, Rath has earned extensive banking experience as a teller, adjuster, consumer and commercial lender, credit department manager, credit card department manager, senior credit analyst, equipment leasing manager, a company division manager, and senior credit officer. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and University of Southern Mississippi alumnus also graduated from the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Rath has participated in banking schools and professional development conferences sponsored by the American Institute of

Banking (AIB), Robert Morris Associates - now The Risk Management Association (RMA) - commercial lenders group, Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. He was charter president of RMA's Mid-South chapter, charter member of the Gulfport Exchange Club, and a Jaycee.

He has been active with AIB and has volunteered with both the United Way of South Mississippi and the American Heart Association. Rath is a past deacon and trustee of the Long Beach First Baptist Church.

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) - parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana - has assets of \$3.7 billion and stands among the strongest, safest five-star financial institutions in America.

Hancock Bank operates 103 full-service offices and over 146 automated teller machines throughout South Mississippi and Louisiana as well as subsidiaries Hancock Investment Services, Inc., Hancock Insurance Agency, Hancock Mortgage Corporation, and Harrison Finance Company. Additional corporate information or on-line banking and bill pay services are available at www.hancock-bank.com.



Top greeter

Herb Lytel of Waveland received the Wal-Mart Golden Vest Award for 2001 after competing against 650 stores in the region. Lytel, a greeter at Waveland's Wal-Mart, was selected by a "secret shopper," according to store manager Ray Cox, left. Lytel made his first airplane trip in January to receive the award in Kansas City. He celebrates his 81st birthday today. He served under General Patton as a tank driver during World War II. He and his wife Elaine of over 60 years have four children and eight grandchildren. Lytel has been at the store since it opened 13 years ago. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Hamilton among candidates for board

Twelve state employees have qualified as candidates for a position on the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) Board of Trustees representing state employees.

Stanley Hamilton of Waveland, an employee of the Department of Marine Resources is the only local candidate.

All candidates are state employees who have been PERS members for at least 10 years. They qualified by filing petitions with at least 25 signatures of state employees.

The election is for a six-year term, beginning July 1, 2002. Ballots and candidate statements will be mailed to agencies Feb. 22 for distribution to employees.

The 10-member Board of Trustees administers Mississippi's public retirement system. The Board includes two state employees, two retirees, one gubernatorial appointee, the State Treasurer and one

representative each of public schools and community colleges, Institutions of Higher Learning, municipalities and counties.

Except for the gubernatorial appointee and the State Treasurer, members are elected to staggered six-year terms.

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Lindsey promoted to president at credit union

Lisa Lindsey has been named president and chief executive officer of the \$40 million Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union.

Lindsey, a Biloxi native, has been employed with the credit union since 1990.

Lindsey previously worked as vice president of sales and services, overseeing the credit union's operations and lending services, including coordinating communications and cross-training between the two divisions.

Prior to joining the credit union's staff, Lindsey worked for various financial institutions in South Mississippi and has extensive experience in customer service, including lending, collections, and branch management.

In making the announcement, Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union Chairman of the Board Elmer Dickens said the board was very pleased that someone with Lindsey's proven leadership and financial background was available to them at this critical time in the credit union's history.

The federally-chartered credit union, originally founded in 1935, was the first in the United States to receive a community charter under the new chartering regulations implemented in 1999 following the passage of the historic Credit Union Membership Access Act increasing the institution's potential membership from 16,000 to over 250,000.

Lindsey noted that she has made a commitment to the credit union's membership that the credit union will focus first and foremost on providing the finest in quality, professional credit union financial services in every area of its operations.

Currently, the Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union serves approximately 15,000 members in Harrison and Hancock County and employs 37 people at four locations in Gulfport, Bay St. Louis and Biloxi.

Unemployment rate up in December

Mississippi closed out 2001 with an unemployment rate in December of 5.8 percent, up from November's figure of 5.2 percent, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

The major factor contributing to the six-tenths of a point rise in the rate was the loss of 6,200 jobs in the agricultural sector of Mississippi's economy brought about by the end of the harvest season.

Declines in jobs from November were also found in the construction, services, transportation equipment, wholesale trade and food products sectors.

"Mississippi's manufacturing sector lost jobs again in December as 2,100 jobs were lost during the month," said MESC Executive Director Curt Thompson. He said 13,400 jobs were lost in manufacturing from January 2001 to December 2001.

Thompson said the December employment

numbers show Mississippi is just feeling the brunt of the national recession.

Most counties saw their rates go up in December with the agricultural counties being the hardest hit.

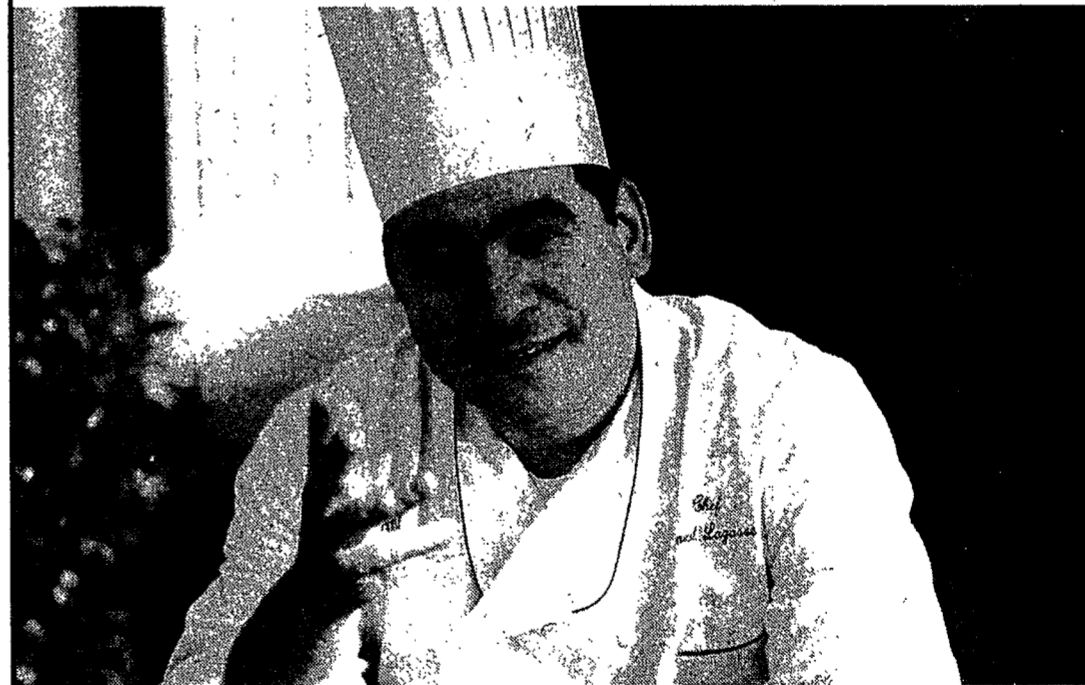
For example, the agricultural county of Issaquena had the state's highest rate at 21.1 percent up from 15.3 percent in November.

Lafayette County recorded the state's lowest rate at 2.2 percent. Oktibbeha County was second lowest at 2.5 percent and Rankin and Lamar counties were tied for third lowest at 2.7 percent.

Thirty-two of the state's counties were at or lower than the state rate of 5.8 percent while 18 counties recorded rates in double digits.

Thompson said that January's rate should be higher as traditionally there are post holiday layoffs in retail trade, more losses in construction due to weather and a continuation of agricultural based layoffs.

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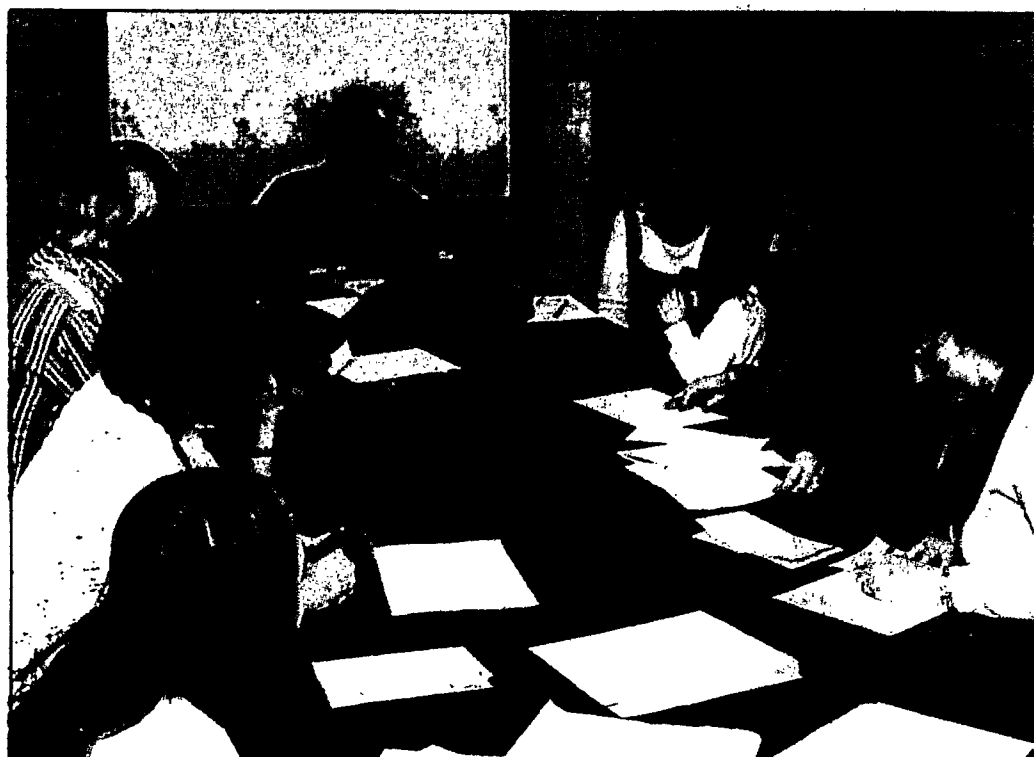
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Community Education



Registration is fast and furious last week at Bay High School as prospective students sign up for the City County Community Education program.

You can still sign up for classes

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Got a few evenings free and a desire to learn something other than who'll get kicked off the island or who Regis will make a millionaire?

Then there's still time to get down to Bay High School tonight and register for the City-County Community Education program.

The program, sponsored by both the Hancock County and Bay St. Louis-Waveland school district, offers six-week and 10-week courses ranging from computer basics to cake decorating — with plenty of other skills in between.

"Our students don't actually get certification, but they do receive a certificate of completion," program Executive Director Dr. Gaynell Roberts said last week. "They're prepared for certification. ... We've had numerous students who've come to our classes and gone on to employment."

Sandra Estopinal not only went on to employment after taking a class a few years ago — she went on to employment with the program itself. She now teaches advanced flower arranging, only one of the program's popular creative courses.

"It's not just about

learning how to arrange bouquets," Estopinal said last week. "It's the idea of being able to stand up in front of a crowd and present your creativity."

"Our area is extremely rich in people who have a love of a skill and a willingness to share ...," Roberts said. "This program is of the community, by the community, for the community."

Registration for the courses at Bay High School continues today at the school administration office from 5-6:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call 467-3892.

Waveland to be re-warded

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The city of Waveland will have to be redistricted soon if the mayor and board of aldermen want to ward off trouble.

That was the word from research analyst Ben Collins at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night. The board voted last month to contract with Collins, who works for the John C. Stennis Institute of Government, to study the possibility of redistricting in the city.

"Redistricting occurs after the census ... about every 10 years," Collins told aldermen Tuesday, and the 2000 census figures indicate there has been "tremendous growth in the city."

"Bearing that in mind, we need to prepare ourselves to redraw the ward lines in the city of Waveland."

Collins said that census figures indicate Alderman Charles Piazza's Ward 4 now has about 1,000 more people than does Alderman Milton Bernard's Ward 1.

Ideally, Collins said, each ward should encompass as close to the same amount of people as possible. In this case, he said, each alderman should represent about 1,669 people, although state law does allow for deviation from that figure by up to 10 percent between the smallest and the largest wards.

"There have been a lot of lawsuits (in the state) about redistricting," Mayor Tommy Longo said Tuesday, "but I believe we have to have this done for our election this year."

Aldermen scheduled a public workshop meeting on the matter for next Monday at 5 p.m. Once the board's proposal is complete, Collins said, it must be sent

to the Department of Justice for final approval. The department can either accept it as is, he said, return it to the board for revisions or scrap the whole plan and redraw the districts itself. However, Collins said, the department rarely exercises the latter option.

In other action Tuesday: The board, at Public Works Director Ray Eaton's advice, voted to approve a final payment of \$50,959 to Bond Paving Co. for the recent street paving project. City attorney Zach

Butterworth cautioned the board to take extreme care in matters regarding state contractual law, since there never was an actual contract with Bond Paving — just an acceptance of the company's low bid on the contract; and that in most cases, the board should get a final report from either an engineer or architect before awarding final payment on a contract. Eaton said all the work had been completed to his satisfaction.

At the request of local artist Paula Leoni, the board approved a pet

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Stennis

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at the airport.

Among the famous flying into — or out of Stennis — were former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; singer Mariah Carey, who sang the National Anthem at the game; and former quarterback for the Washington Redskins Joe Montana.

People flew to the airport from all across the country, Cotter said. And the official NFL tapes of the game were also flown out from Stennis.

Football fans were delivered to the game in everything ranging from shuttle buses, to rental cars, to exclusive limousine service.

Giuliani's vehicle was escorted from I-10 to his plane at the airport by Hancock County sheriff's deputies.

Except for a glitch in Mariah Carey's catering order from a Gulfport area restaurant — which caused her to become very excited, Cotter said — everything went remarkably smooth.

"People actually got to the dome quicker from here than from the New Orleans airport," said Cotter. "Everyone remarked on what a wonderful facility we have. Many said they had no idea that it existed."

"I have to praise every-

one involved in the community for getting together and making this a very successful event. Phillips Aviation (which handled the fuel, parking, and many of the details) really outdid themselves. Wayne Phillips got together, came up with a game plan and stuck with it. There were a lot of comments on their professionalism."

"Everything we have been saying about the airport being a great facility is true," said Cotter. "And finally people got a chance to see it."

Fire

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from a neighbor around 2:26 a.m. Monday.

Pate identified the victims as Joel Hibbens, 28, and Ashlee Hibbens, 4. A sheriff's deputy and a volunteer fireman pulled their bodies out of the rubble after the fire was extinguished around 3:10 a.m.

"It was a gruesome scene," said Pate. "It took a toll on everybody who was there."

Pate said initial reports was that Hibbens nine-year-old stepson woke his stepfather when the fire broke out, and both fled the trailer.

Hibbens directed his

stepson to alert neighbors and call 911, then ran back into the trailer to rescue his daughter, but the father and the daughter never made it out, Pate said.

County Coroner Norma Stiglets called in Dr. Paul McGarry, a pathologist from New Orleans to autopsy the victims. Stiglet said he ruled the cause of death was "smoke inhalation/carbon monoxide poisoning."

He said the cause of the fire remains under investigation by the county and the state Fire Marshal.

Pate credited volunteer firemen who answered the call from Leetown and from

nearby Pearl River with keeping the fire from spreading to another trailer only about 100 feet away.

Hancock County Sheriff's deputies also rushed to the scene, along with Pate and American Medical Response personnel.

Pate said Hibbens's wife, Vicky, was not in the trailer because she was working at the Sav-A-Center in Long Beach. "She is in shock," he said.

The deaths were the first from fire reported in Hancock County for this year, Pate said.

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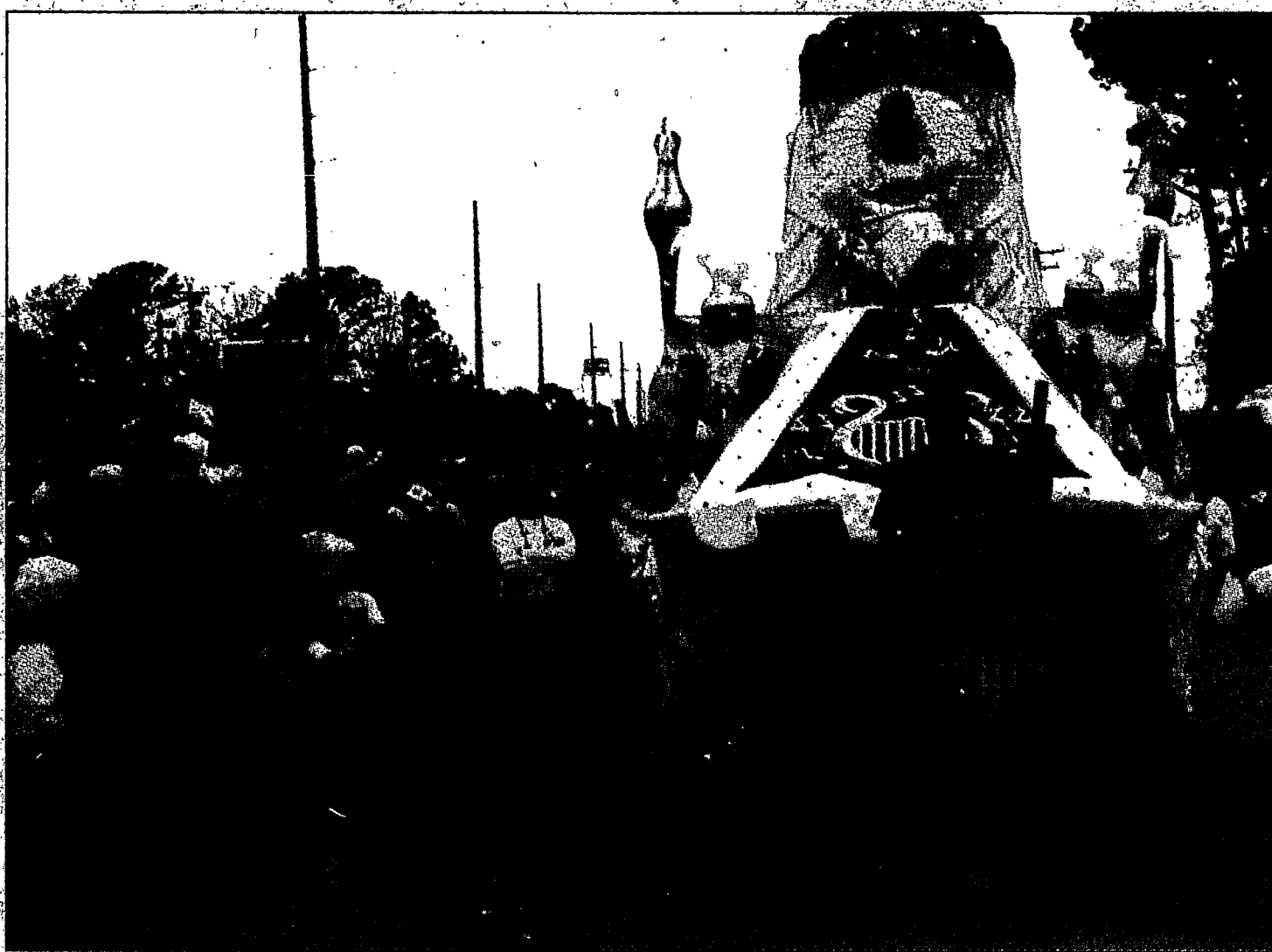
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opened the shots for the Rocks. Kyle Lewis scored twice in the contest. Peter Doty, Jeffrey Hansell, and Drew Cranford each scored once for the Rocks.

The state championship game will be played at Pearl

High School on Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m. The Rocks will play the winner of the Pearl/Florence game for the Class 4A state championship. The Rocks last won the state title in soccer in 1997.

Bay, Pass, SSC tally Hoops Fest wins

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Bay High, Pass Christian, and St. Stanislaus were all winners in the 8th annual Hoops Fest held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on Saturday, February 2. Bay High was a 74-51 winner over D'Iberville. Pass Christian upset Harrison Central 53-50 and St. Stanislaus escaped from the claws of the St. John Eagles 47-42.

Each winning team was presented a trophy for their game and an MVP was chosen. Bay High's MVP was Rudy Lymuel while Pass Christian's MVP was Calvin Woods. SSC's Gabe Willis earned the nod for the Rocks.

Bay High fell behind early in the contest and struggled to a 29-25 deficit against the Warriors. However, in the second half the Tigers played like a different team.

Rudy Lymuel tied the score at 38-38 for Bay High and from there the momentum began to swing in favor of Bay High. Lymuel scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half. Zack Nichols canned 19 points to lead the Tigers on the offensive end. But, it was the defensive end where the Tigers outplayed the Warriors. Bay High was able to force turnovers and rush the Warriors' shot.

Javon Williams added 14 points in the win as the Tigers improved to 10-15 overall.

The Pirates recorded the biggest upset of Hoops Fest 2002 with a 53-50 win over Harrison Central. The Pirates (24-4) took a 16-11 advantage in the first period and kept the momentum for the 23-20 tilt at halftime.

The Pirates went with the Red Rebels down low and outside. Pass Christian held 6-10 Prep All-American center Byron Sanders in check and took the fight to Harrison Central. It seemed like everywhere Harrison Central turned Pass

Christian was there.

Harrison Central battled back in a defensive third period to take a 33-30 lead. The Red Rebels led throughout the fourth period until the 1:54 mark. Pass Christian took the lead back on a Calvin Woods three-pointer to make the score 46-43. Pass Christian got up on the Red Rebels 49-45 with :53 left to play. The Red Rebels fought back to make it a one-point game with :13 left and sent the game's MVP Calvin Woods to the line for the Pirates. Woods iced both free throws to make the final score 53-50. Pass Christian head coach Buddy Kennedy stated, "Harrison Central took us out of some things we wanted to do. But, our team gutted it out and made the shots when they counted. Richard Dedeaux and Calvin Woods stepped up and made some big plays for us. Both of them, along with the whole team, came to win tonight."

Woods finished the game with 18 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals, and 6 assists.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws made some late free throws to preserve a win over a pesky group of St. John Eagles 47-42.

The game's MVP, Gabe

Willis, went 3-for-4 in the final :18 to seal the win for the Rocks (23-6).

SSC jumped out early on St. John 16-3 before the Eagles had a short spurt of offense before the end of the period for a score 16-8.

The Rocks increased that lead to 29-16 by halftime. SSC allowed the Eagles to get back in the game during the third and fourth periods before SSC held on for the win. SSC assistant coach Edmond Bradley commented, "We are not sure what happened after we got the big lead on them. We do know that we did not give a sound effort in the second half. Give the credit to St. John who played hard and probably should have won the ballgame."

The Rocks (20-2-1) defeated West Jones 4-1 on goals from Michael Kivlan, Michael Leonard, Jeffrey Hansell, and Peter Doty. SSC will play host to Laurel on Tuesday, February 5, in the South State title game.

On Friday, February 1, the OLA Crescents defeated Lumberton on the hardwood 48-38. Denira Dedeaux and Margaret Magers led the Crescents with 13 points each followed by Ashton Johnson with 12 points.

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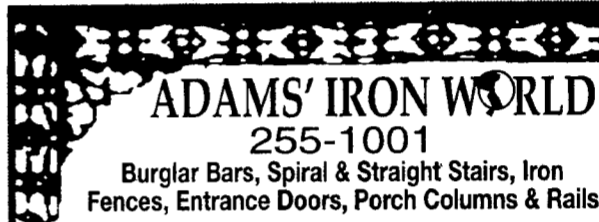
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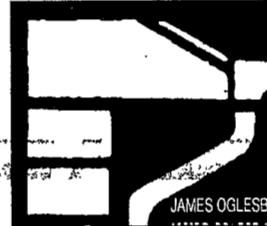


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SSC says farewell to seniors with 68-48 win

Hancock drops Purvis 97-81

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The five seniors on the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball team played their final home game in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 5, against the Gautier Gators. The Rocks chopped the Gators with a 68-48 division win. The win gives the Rocks a 24-6 overall record.

Cheick Sanankoua, Brent Acker, Brian Butler, and Sean Benoit all started on the court for the Rocks tonight while Chris Patterson, a student assistant, gave his support from the sideline. The seniors led the Rocks to the win before a raucous Rock crowd.

The two teams matched basket for basket early on in the game; however, by the end of the first period SSC had built a 19-8 lead over the visiting Gators. The Rocks' surge was led mainly by the hot hand of senior Cheick Sanankoua's nine

points.

In the second period, the Rocks pushed the lead to 38-28 by half-time. Darius Acker and Rob Smith fired the shots to lead the Rocks during the period.

At half-time, 1984 St. Stanislaus alum Casey Wittmann was announced as the new head football coach at SSC. Wittmann spoke to the crowd about his plans for the upcoming gridiron season.

In the third period, the Rocks continued with pressure defense and hot hands as five different people scored for the Rocks. SSC maintained a 48-39 lead at the end of three periods.

Robert Smith, Darius Acker, and Sean Benoit had the hot hands in the fourth period as the Rocks pulled away in the final stanza. Defensive pressure by the Rocks kept the Gators at bay and out of the paint.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "I thought we did a good job of pene-

trating and kicking the ball out early on. We took what they gave us and attacked their zone. I am very proud of the seniors - Brian Butler, Cheick Sanankoua, Sean Benoit, Brent Acker, and Chris Patterson. I cannot begin to tell anyone how much these players have meant to the program and to myself." Robert Smith scored a double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Darius Acker scored 21 points and 5 assists. Acker nailed six three-pointers in the game. Sean Benoit added 15 points in the win. The Rocks will travel to East Central on Friday, February 8, for the final regular season game before the district tournament begins on Monday. The Rocks will be seeded #2 behind Pass Christian in the district tournament to be held in Gautier.

In other high school action around the area, the Hancock boys defeated Purvis 97-81. The Hawks held a 53-34 advantage over Purvis at the half before Purvis made an even game

of it in the second half.

Matt Ladner led the Hawks (15-14) by pouring in 30 points. He was 4-for-6 from two-point range, 5-for-6 from three-point range, and 7-for-9 at the charity stripe. Cody Ladner added 20 points and 12 rebounds while Daron Boone scored nine points. John Bissell made his first appearance on the court for the Hawks since before Christmas when he broke his foot. Bissell scored seven points in the game.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "I thought we shot the ball as well as we have all year. We played well enough to win offensively. However, on defense I thought we could have played a little better. But, I am proud of the players for getting the win. They worked hard tonight."

The Hawks will play host to the D'Iberville Warriors on Friday in the last regular season game before the division tournament. Hancock will be seeded #2 in the their division tournament to be held in Petal.

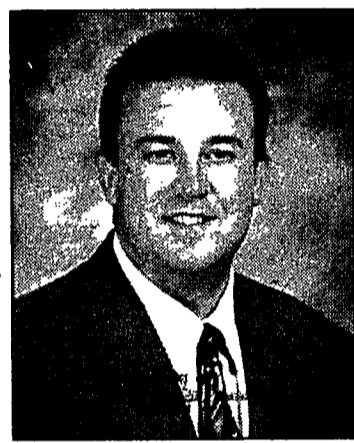
St. Stanislaus names head football coach

Kenneth Chester "Casey" Wittmann, Jr. has been named SSC head football coach, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., principal.

He replaces Dave Kenson who has held that position for the past five years.

Wittmann comes to St. Stanislaus from Pass Christian High School where he served as offensive coordinator, head junior varsity football coach, powerlifting coach, and teacher of business and physical education for the past two years.

According to Wittmann, "I am very thankful and excited about the opportuni-



Kenneth Wittmann, Jr.

ty that the St. Stanislaus College family has given me.

"This is truly a dream come true for myself, as well

as my family. The football program will help the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in their mission at St. Stanislaus which is to develop its young people spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially to become "Men of Character, and leaders in today's world."

"Our first priorities are to make all the kids in the program stronger both mentally and physically. It is also critical that we get the alumni and friends of St. Stanislaus College back behind our program. There is no limit to what we can accomplish at St. Stanislaus College of we can all work

together."

Wittmann is a 1984 graduate of St. Stanislaus. He received a bachelor of science degree in business management from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2000.

Wittmann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wittmann, Sr. of Pass Christian and comes from a long line of St. Stanislaus graduates; his father in 1957, and his brothers Kerry in 1992 and Kyle in 1995.

Wittmann is married to the former Monica Ladner of Pass Christian.

Pass to host 'Old Timer's Game'

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
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The Pass Christian High School Diamond Club is hosting the 3rd Annual "Old Timer's Game" on Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m.. Any former players that graduated prior to 1997 are welcome to play in the annual event.

Preceding the "Old Timer's Game", will be the introduction of the 2002 Pass Christian Middle School team. Immediately following the event, the club will sponsor "Meet the Team". The day will conclude with a seven inning scrimmage. The varsity scrimmage is scheduled to

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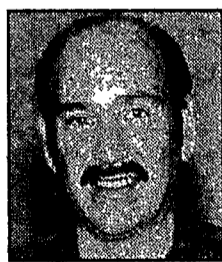
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of it in the second half.

Matt Ladner led the Hawks (15-14) by pouring in 30 points. He was 4-for-6 from two-point range, 5-for-6 from three-point range, and 7-for-9 at the charity stripe. Cody Ladner added 20 points and 12 rebounds while Daron Boone scored nine points. John Bissell made his first appearance on the court for the Hawks since before Christmas when he broke his foot. Bissell scored seven points in the game.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "I thought we shot the ball as well as we have all year. We played well enough to win offensively. However, on defense I thought we could have played a little better. But I am proud of the players for getting the win. They worked hard tonight."

The Hawks will play host to the D'Iberville Warriors on Friday in the last regular season game before the division tournament. Hancock will be seeded #2 in the their division tournament to be held in Petal.

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Wittmann is a 1984 graduate of St. Stanislaus. He received a bachelor of science degree in business management from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2000.

Wittmann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wittmann, Sr. of Pass Christian and comes from a long line of St. Stanislaus graduates; his father in 1957, and his brothers Kerry in 1992 and Kyle in 1995.

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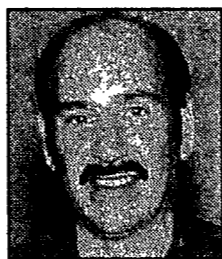
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SSC to play for state title with 5-0 win over Laurel

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our skill but our players stepped up to the challenge. We knew that Laurel was fast and they kicked the long ball to try and utilize their speed against us. However, our defensive pressure on the ball and at their end of the field finally got to them. With that, we were able to get some good shots on goal and we netted them.

"The conditions were horrible but we were lucky to get the game in. I am very proud of the way our team played tonight and all year. They played tough. Plus, we were able to get some younger kids some playing time which you don't always get the opportunity to do in a South State title game. That will prove to be invaluable."

The defensive line of All-American Stephen Kulikowski, Bryce Breland, Jimmy Strickland, and Jeremy Boelte kept the pressure on Laurel which proved to be the catalyst in the game. Their pressure

Crescents reach state soccer title game, again

ECHO STAFF REPORT

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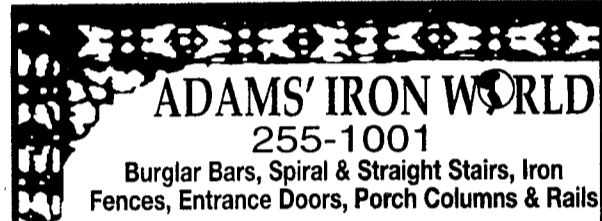


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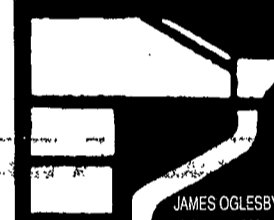
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Robert Smith, Darius Acker, and Sean Benoit had the hot hands in the fourth period as the Rocks pulled away in the final stanza. Defensive pressure by the Rocks kept the Gators at bay and out of the paint.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "I thought we did a good job of pene-

trating and kicking the ball out early on. We took what they gave us and attacked their zone. I am very proud of the seniors - Brian Butler, Cheick Sanankoua, Sean Benoit, Brent Acker, and Chris Patterson. I cannot begin to tell anyone how much these players have meant to the program and to myself." Robert Smith scored a double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Darius Acker scored 21 points and 5 assists. Acker nailed six three-pointers in the game. Sean Benoit added 15 points in the win. The Rocks will travel to East Central on Friday, February 8, for the final regular season game before the district tournament begins on Monday. The Rocks will be seeded #2 behind Pass Christian in the district tournament to be held in Gautier.

In other high school action around the area, the Hancock boys defeated Purvis 97-81. The Hawks held a 53-34 advantage over Purvis at the half before Purvis made an even game

of it in the second half.

Matt Ladner led the Hawks (15-14) by pouring in 30 points. He was 4-for-6 from two-point range, 5-for-6 from three-point range, and 7-for-9 at the charity stripe. Cody Ladner added 20 points and 12 rebounds while Daron Boone scored nine points. John Bissell made his first appearance on the court for the Hawks since before Christmas when he broke his foot. Bissell scored seven points in the game.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "I thought we shot the ball as well as we have all year. We played well enough to win offensively. However, on defense I thought we could have played a little better. But, I am proud of the players for getting the win. They worked hard tonight."

The Hawks will play host to the D'Iberville Warriors on Friday in the last regular season game before the division tournament. Hancock will be seeded #2 in the their division tournament to be held in Petal.

St. Stanislaus names head football coach

Kenneth Chester "Casey" Wittmann, Jr. has been named SSC head football coach, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., principal.

He replaces Dave Kenson who has held that position for the past five years.

Wittmann comes to St. Stanislaus from Pass Christian High School where he served as offensive coordinator, head junior varsity football coach, powerlifting coach, and teacher of business and physical education for the past two years.

According to Wittmann, "I am very thankful and excited about the opportuni-



Kenneth Wittmann, Jr.

ty that the St. Stanislaus College family has given me.

"This is truly a dream come true for myself, as well

as my family. The football program will help the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in their mission at St. Stanislaus which is to develop its young people spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially to become "Men of Character, and leaders in today's world."

"Our first priorities are to make all the kids in the program stronger both mentally and physically. It is also critical that we get the alumni and friends of St. Stanislaus College back behind our program. There is no limit to what we can accomplish at St. Stanislaus College of we can all work

together."

Wittmann is a 1984 graduate of St. Stanislaus. He received a bachelor of science degree in business management from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2000.

Wittmann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wittmann, Sr. of Pass Christian and comes from a long line of St. Stanislaus graduates; his father in 1957, and his brothers Kerry in 1992 and Kyle in 1995.

Wittmann is married to the former Monica Ladner of Pass Christian.

Pass to host 'Old Timer's Game'

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian High School Diamond Club is hosting the 3rd Annual "Old Timer's Game" on Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m.. Any former players that graduated prior to 1997 are welcome to play in the annual event.

Preceding the "Old Timer's Game", will be the introduction of the 2002 Pass Christian Middle School team. Immediately following the event, the club will sponsor "Meet the Team". The day will conclude with a seven inning scrimmage. The varsity scrimmage is scheduled to

begin at 1 p.m..

If anyone is interested in playing in the "Old Timer's Game" please call Mark Logan at 452-2008 or Lori Jenkins at 452-4390.



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Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Jan. 29 Even Holes winners include:

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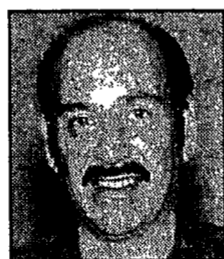
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